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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002 to thereby extend the period for response from June 18, 2002 to July 18, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the small-entity fee associated with such an extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please accept this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1631. A

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